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(54) PLL circuit having a ring oscillator and method of controlling the same

(57) A PLL circuit detects oscillation halt of a voltage control oscillator, generates an oscillation control signal for automatically oscillating the voltage control oscillator based upon the detected signal, and automatically restores the voltage control oscillator to a normal oscillation state by the use of the generated signal. The voltage control oscillator is structured by a ring oscillator in which a plurality of differential amplifiers are connected in a ring form. A plurality of oscillation control means are arranged for the respective inputs of the differential amplifiers so as to set the ring oscillator into an oscillation state when the voltage control oscillator halts. The oscillation control means is controlled by the oscillating control signal.

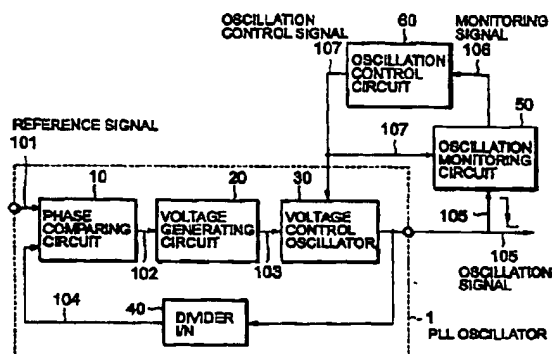


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